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In re Application of Warner	:	
Application No. 10/521,307	:	Decision on Petition
Filing Date: January 13, 2005	:	
For: Continuous Steelmaking Plant	:	

This is a decision on the petition filed March 8, 2007, under 37 CFR 1.181 to withdraw the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application.

The petition is **granted**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Office action under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 Dec. Comm'r Pat. 11 (1935), mailed April 24, 2006, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of two (2) months. An extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was not obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on June 25, 2006.

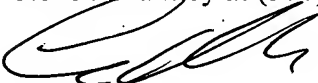
Petitioner contends a timely reply was filed May 9, 2006.

In light of the mail label provided by petitioner, the copy of two emails provided by petitioner, and after a review of the procedural history for all other applications listing Noel Warner as an inventor, the Office has determined the showing is sufficient to justify withdrawing the holding of abandonment.

The Notice of Abandonment is hereby vacated and the holding of abandonment withdrawn.

Technology Center Art Unit 1742 will be informed of the instant decision and the examiner will consider the copy of the amendment filed March 8, 2007, in due course.

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